

# Ryan Signs New Men--Battle Axe Plays Colts To-Morrow

## ERSEY SKEETERS HOLD FIELD DAY, SCORING AT WILL

International Leaguers Have Little Mercy on Ryan's Regulars.

## FIVE PITCHERS SLAUGHTERED

ombardment Lasts Throughout Contest, Though Lem McIntyre Threatened to Stop Fusillade--Not Until Verbot Went to Mound Could Colts Score.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Probably the very worst beating the Colts will receive during the preseason games was handed at by the Jersey Skeeters yesterday afternoon, when they won from Ryan's Regulars 13 to 2. For seven bleak and dreary innings the faithful followers watched their young men draw blanks in the baseball lottery. While the visitors from the wilds of New Jersey romped through the sluices just as fast and as often as they cared to.

During the singing of the opening canto, Mr. Shipe, who provides a very left-handed delivery, and Mr. Strain and Mr. McIntyre, of the bucolic handle, essayed to stop the forward march of the invaders. Not one of the three was successful, though Lemuel.

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## CADETS SIMPLY SWAMP M'GILLS

Benedict College Lads Score Twenty Runs Against Opponents--Overman in Form.

The Benedictine College Cadets gave the McGill Catholic Union a drubbing yesterday afternoon at Byrd Park by the score of 20 to 5, which will be remembered by both sides. The Class A Leaguers expected to see the Cadets up, but nineteen hits and a home run, and a superb baserunning by the Benedictine changed the affair from a baseball game to a complete walkover, and a defeat.

Version, who pitched winning ball for the Cadets, got a home run on his first trip to the plate. Street, the last right fielder of the soldier boys, scored five hits from six times at bat. Foland and Scott, the Cadets' shortstop and first baseman, were missed by the infield combination, but West and Hoeh filled in.

Ross, for McGill, pitched with good control, but his offerings seemed to suit the fancy of the school lads who secured one home run, one three-base

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## SPIDERS LOSE IN CLOSE STRUGGLE

Bedford City, Va., April 4.—Ranolph-Macon Academy defeated Richmond College baseball team here today, 2 to 1, making the third victory for the Academy. The game was close and exciting from start to finish. A single by Nolley, who was the batter, gave the Academy one run in the first inning. Richmond College made the hit in the third by a single by Liggon, sacrificed by Lewis and a wild throw. The Academy broke the tie in the eighth when Estes singled, Nolley sacrificed and Pritchett hit for two bases. Ames pitched well for the Academy, allowing only five hits and striking out ten men.

## YANKEES DEFEAT BROOKLYN AGAIN

New York, April 4.—The Yankees took the lead in the exhibition series here today, winning two games. Rucker, who relieved Ragan in the seventh, leading the Yankees in the fifth was a feature. Score: R. H. E. Yankees.....000011040-6 11 0 Brooklyn.....00010000-1 6 4 Batteries: Keating, Fisher andweeney; Ragan, Rucker and Miller. With Brooklyn, winning the third game from the Dodgers, 6 to 1. The Yankees' umpires, Emsile and O'Brien.

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## RICHMOND FANS VISIT WASHINGTON FOR OPENING GAME

Excursion Will Be Run on 23d, When Senators Tackle Red Sox.

Fans of Richmond who are interested in the Washington team of the American League will have an opportunity to witness the opening game in Washington between the Nationals and the Boston Red Sox on the 23d of this month. An excursion will be run for that purpose. It has not been definitely decided by Manager Clark Griffith just who will be the pitcher when the barrier is raised, but it lies between Peerless Walter Johnson and our very own Joe Boehling. These are the two veteran hurlers of the Griffithian phalanx, and it is certain that so wise a general as the Old Fox will take no chances with his youngsters; though, as a dark horse, Dr. Yancey Wyatt Ayers looms large as a possibility.

Richmond people generally have shown a marked favoritism for the Washington Club. Last year more than 1,500 made a journey to the capital in order to watch Joe Boehling perform. While they were cheated in that the Richmond Thunderbolt was beaten, they, nevertheless, witnessed a wonderful ball game. The season the Red Sox are picked as the nearest contenders the Mackmen will have. Even Washington is accorded third place by the experts. Few people here will agree to this opinion. Scratch the average local fan and you will find an individual who believes that Griff has as good as an even chance to land the gentian. It may be that the wish is father to the thought, but the thought is there.

Hundreds upon hundreds of fans will be glad of the opportunity to witness the opening game of the major league season. The train will be run under the direction of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac officials, which is sufficient guarantee that it will be properly conducted. There was absolutely no fault to be found with the service last year. The time made

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## NATIONAL LEAGUE IS GIVEN DECISION

Injunction Against Feds Made Permanent--Pittsburgh Players Cannot Be Molested.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 4.—Holding that contracts between baseball players and club owners may lack mutuality, but that it was not a question to be raised by a third party, Chancellor J. D. Henderson here today made permanent the injunction preventing Federal League agents from interfering with players of the Pittsburgh National League Club.

The injunction was brought against H. Camnitz, agent of the Pittsburgh Federals. McQuillan and Viox, members of the Pittsburgh Nationals, testified that Camnitz had made offers to them to join the Federals. The contracts between these two players and the Pittsburgh National Club, minus the salary figures, were offered as evidence in the hearing, together with a copy of the agreement between National League clubs.

Counsel for Camnitz contended that the contracts and the agreement are in violation of both State and Federal antitrust laws.

## LITTLE TROUBLE FOR A. & M. TEAM

Raleigh, N. C., April 4.—Agricultural and Mechanical had little trouble defeating the Wake Forest baseball team by the score of 6 to 0. Russell was on the mound for Agricultural and Mechanical, and had the visitors at his mercy, allowing only one hit and fanning eight men. Agricultural and Mechanical made their runs by bunting hits. Score by innings: R. H. E. Wake Forest.....00000000-0 1 1 A. & M.....0200211x-6 7 1 Batteries: Moore and Daniel; Russell and Winston. Struck out—by Moore, 1; by Russell, 8. Bases on balls—by Moore, 5; Russell, 2. Hit by pitched ball—by Russell, 1. Sacrifice fly—Russell. Stolen bases—A. & M., 4. Left on bases—A. & M., 6; Wake Forest, 6. Three-base hits—Correll. Two-base hits—Farmer. Earned runs—A. & M., 6; Wake Forest, 0. Umpire, Kaufman. Attendance, 1,200.

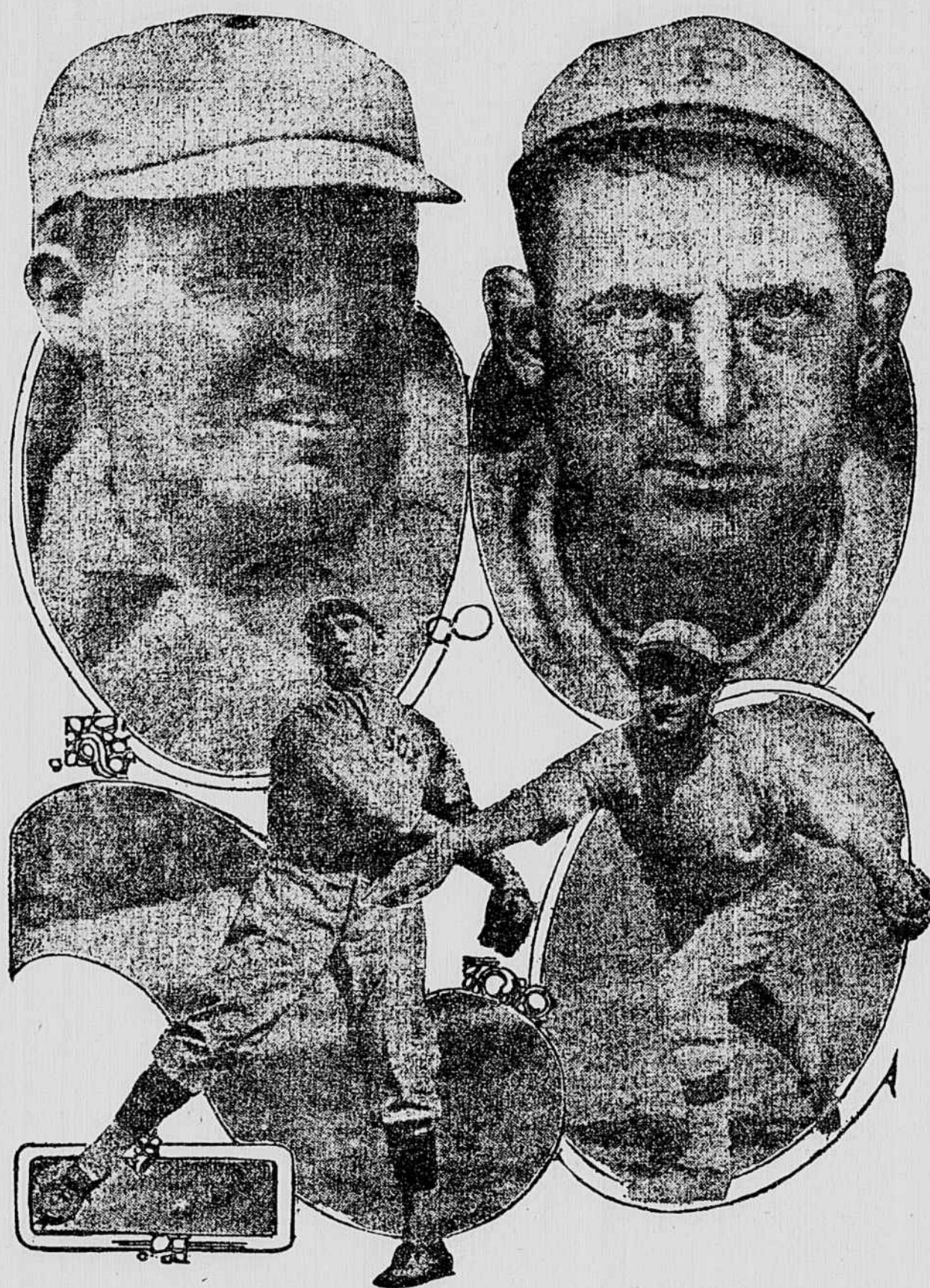
## DEEP RUN HOUNDS IN MERRY CHASE

Fast Going Marks Weekly Drag. Big Field on Hand for Meet.

The weekly drag of the Deep Run Hunt was held yesterday. The meet started at 4 o'clock. It was one of the best field of horses that ever graced a meet that fell in behind the whip for what proved to be one of the fastest and best hunts ever had here. The first cast was in Monument Annex, and it was the fastest kind of space that

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## Will They Land Their Clubs in Second Place



Ambitious managers, who hope to put up a real fight against clubs already picked to win races in American and National Leagues. They are Bill Carrigan, in upper left-hand corner, with his star pitcher, "Smokey" Joe Wood beneath him. To the right, at the top, is Fred Clarke, of Pittsburgh, and below him, Marty O'Leary, his mainstay in the box.

## RYAN GETS PITCHER AND INFIELDER

"Splitter" Sloan, a pitcher from the Birmingham Club of the Southern League, and Infielder Edwards, from the same team, both of whom have been sought by Manager Ryan for the Colts for some time, are at last within the fold, and are expected to arrive here to-morrow. Sloan, in particular, will be a welcome addition. While Ryan is satisfied with his pitching staff, he realizes that the addition of a dependable man, such as Sloan is said to be, will materially strengthen his club. Edwards is a shortstop, and said to be good. However, Bill Ryan is showing such class, is fielding in such good shape and hitting the ball with such regularity that, unless he falls down, he is secure in his job. Ryan, however, is not going to be caught short-handed or found unprepared for emergencies. That's why he grabbed Edwards when he could get him.

To-morrow the Colts meet the Battle Ax outfit, and Dr. Harry Hedgepeth, former Virginia League star, but now the property of Atlanta, will do the slinging for the Church Hill outfit. It will be a pretty contest, though the Colts should win. If Hedgepeth is in condition, the game is bound to be close. Tuesday and Thursday the Axes tackle the Goobers in Petersburg, and play them a third game Easter Monday. Hedgepeth will pitch against his former teammates on Easter.

## RYAN SEEMS TO HAVE LIKELY BUNCH OF YOUNG MATERIAL

Infield and Catchers Look Particularly Impressive--Outfield Can Stand Strengthening While Pitchers Are Yet Untried--Of Hurlers Lem McIntyre Has Shown Best.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Having agreed upon another schedule, and having further agreed to brave the inconsistencies of that schedule, regardless of results, magnates of the Virginia League will doubtless turn their attention to the more important matter of gathering representative ball clubs. There is nothing more that can be done to Richmond except to collect the shekels that a protesting local public will contribute to the league at large. Richmond doesn't get week-end games, or, at least, not all of them, and Petersburg will be correspondingly happy. Discussion of the new schedule is left to the fans, it being presumed that some few will be interested enough to glance through it, just as we have done, and will turn from it equally as disappointed that men of average intelligence could possibly, with their eyes open, adopt such an abortion.

If there is interest in baseball in Richmond, it is in the kind of ball club that Ray Ryan will turn out to represent this city. Of almost equal importance from the local standpoint, is the class of ball that will be played by the other five clubs. For your Richmond fan cares not a straw for a game won unless it is won from worthy foes.

CONDITIONS NOT IDEAL.

Conditions here are not ideal, but they are good. In pitching strength Ryan is not overly pitch. He has two veterans in Harry Griffin and Charley Strain. Griffin can be depended upon to bring an average game of ball. There has never been anything flashy about his performances, and there is no reason to believe that an added year to a man no longer very young will improve him. Charley Strain has always been a wonderful early season pitcher. He has grown weaker as the warm days advanced, but for the raw days of early spring he hasn't a peer in the bushes. So far he has shown nothing wonderful, but he has started but once.

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## JUDGE SESSIONS HEARS ARGUMENT

Differences Between Chicago Feds and Philadelphia Nationals Soon to Be Settled.

## KILLIFER'S SERVICES AT ISSUE

Attack of New League Centred on Legality of Reserve Clause.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 4.—Decision as to the winner in the battle between the new Federal Baseball League and organized baseball, as represented by the National League, is up to the umpire, Judge Clarence W. Sessions, of the United States District Court for Western Michigan.

Arguments of counsel in the case brought by the management of the Chicago Federal League club to enjoin William J. Killifer, Jr., from continuing in the service of the Philadelphia National League club or any other club than the Chicago Federal League organization were completed late today, and the judge took the case under advisement. He announced he would not render a decision before next Tuesday and possibly not for a week or ten days.

While the counsel for the Federal League contended their attack upon the reserve clause of contracts in organized baseball and the so-called ten-day clause permitting a club to dispense with a contracted player's services at any time after a ten-day notice, the issue went off at a tangent, when Judge Sessions, during the argument, raised the question as to the Federal League's moral rights in the matter.

Under hypothetical questions directed at counsel for the Federal League, the judge pointed out that Killifer and the management of the Philadelphia club are the parties to the contract containing the reserve and ten-day clauses, and both have said they are satisfied. Further, he referred to the Chicago Federal League club as an outsider, not a party to the contract, but, nevertheless, seeking relief from the court on a breach of the original contract, which it, by offering larger inducements, might have inspired. He said:

Must Have Clean Hands. "He who seeks equity must himself come into court with clean hands. You, having been a party to a breach of obligation, claim you are entitled to relief."

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## FULTZ IS CERTAIN RESERVE CLAUSE NOT ENFORCEABLE

New York, April 4.—David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, in a statement issued to-night declares the oft-discussed "reserve clause" in major league contracts is, in his opinion, "unquestionably unenforceable."

The Fraternity, Fultz declares, has not endeavored to use its powers to compel compliance with this clause, because "two felt we would be disciplining our members for not doing something the law might later decide they were not bound to do."

"There are two alleged defects in the 'reserve' clause," he continues. "Its inequitable nature in that it binds the player for his entire career and the club for only ten days; second, the neglect to state what salary will be in full under the contract to be entered into. The second is sufficiently vital to rob the clause of any binding force."

The so-called "reserve clause" reads in part as follows: "The party of the second part agrees and obligates himself to contract with and continue in service of said party of the first part for the succeeding season AT A SALARY TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PARTIES TO SUCH CONTRACT."

Fultz declares that no court would uphold a contract in which such a vital element (the salary) is omitted.

## EASTERN COLLEGE SPRINGS SURPRISE

Orange, Va., April 4.—Woodberry Forest lost to Eastern College of Manassas today in baseball, score 3 to 1. Hurwell pitching for the home team allowed only three hits. The visitors scored no errors.

Harvard Leads at Soccer. Cambridge, Mass., April 4.—Harvard added another victory to its Soccer total today defeating its great rival, Yale, by 4 to 0.

## RUTGERS LOSES IN EXTRA INNINGS

Princeton, N. J., April 4.—The Tigers defeated Rutgers today 4 to 3, but they had to go extra innings to do it. A two-bagger by Reed, and Bolton's single in the eleventh sent over the necessary run. The score: Rutgers.....00000001230-3 5 2 Princeton.....01020000001-1 7 1 Batteries: Jennings and Browning; Lamberton, Doy, Wall and Peyer. Umpires, Cohan and Freeman.

## UNKNOWN BURNS MATCHED TO MEET CHAMPION TURNER

Grappler From West Forces Holder of Belt Into Engagement.

## WANTS WINNER TO TAKE RECEIPTS

Willing to Back His Ability to Win--Articles of Agreement Signed Yesterday in Presence of Witnesses--Both Men Begin Training for Bout at Once.

BY "REFEREE."

Unhonored and unsung, almost unknown, Frank Burns, wrestler by profession, who calls Flint, Mich., home, drifted into Richmond hot on the trail of Joe Turner, and, without formalities, rushed into the limelight and into popular favor by throwing the champion in less than five minutes on the stage of the Academy of Music last Thursday night. While it is true that Turner had just completed more than a two-hour session with Fritz Hanson when he succumbed to Burns, it is nevertheless true that Burns had been riding a train for two days in order to catch up with Turner.

However, the meat of this story is that Turner has agreed to meet Burns in a finish match at the Academy on the 13th of this month. Articles of agreement were signed yesterday by which

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## OUTSIDE HORSES GET MOST MONEY

Progressive, Forsaken by Talent, Makes Show of Royal Meteor in Feature.

Norfolk, Va., April 4.—Outside horses got all the money at the Jamestown Jockey Club today, and the public as a result lost heavily. Progressive, forsaken by the talent, made a show of Royal Meteor, the favorite in the Monticello Hotel Handicap, a mile event. Corner Opds, another outsider, won the Richmond purse, and forced Emerald Gem, a prohibitive favorite, out of the money. The Virginia Hurdle Handicap, the first of the meeting, was won by Sam'l. tion, with Brute second.

Results of Races. First race—four furlongs—General Villa, 100 (Trotter), 11 to 5, 7 to 10 and 3 to 2. Second, The Pin, 100 (Watts), 6 to 1, 4 to 1 and out. Third, Time, 100 (Star and Garter), 1 May, Athena, Miss Pissy and Fuldor also ran. Second race—burial, one mile and a half—Sanction, 100 (Sallen), 4 to 5, out and out. Third, Brute, 100 (Lewis), 8 to 1, 2 to 1 and even. Second, Tom Cat, 100 (Haines), 20 to 1, 2 to 1 and even. Third, Time, 100 (Star and Garter), 1 May, Athena and Orderly Nat also ran. Third race—five and a half furlongs—Best, 20 (McGarity), 2 to 1, 2 to 1 and 2 to 1. (Continued On Second Page.)

## PHILLIES DRAW TOTAL OF BLANKS

Philadelphia, April 4.—Connie Mack's world champion Athletics shut out the Phillies today, the American leaguers winning 3 to 0. The champions won by bunting their hits in the first inning. Score: Phillies.....0000000000-0 4 0 Athletics.....0000000000-3 8 0 Batteries: Tincup, Mattyson and Burns; Brown, Bush, Shawkey, Lapp and Schang. Umpires, Connolly and Tyson.

## PELICANS GIVEN SCORELESS DOSE

New Orleans, April 4.—The New York Giants blanked the Pelicans today, the visitors taking the game, 7 to 0. Rube Marquard twirled for seven innings, and allowed but four scattered hits. The Northerners won the contest by bunting their hits in the fifth. With three runs tallied and the bases full, Larry Doyle sent the ball over the right field fence for a home run. Score by innings: R. H. E. New York.....000007000-7 10 1 New Orleans.....000000000-0 5 0 Batteries: Marquard, Hoarn and McLean; Bagby, Paddy and Higgins. Umpires, Adams and Moyra.